

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated November 18, 2005. Since February 18, 2006 is a Saturday and February 20, 2006 is a holiday, the period for response extends up to and includes February 21, 2006 and this paper is timely filed within the three-month period for response. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the subject Office Action, claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph. In addition, claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable, primarily over U.S. Patent No. 6,353,870 to Mills, U.S. Patent No. 6,633,916 Kauffman, and/or MochaPocketTN5250 (Item B.S.). The Examiner did, however, indicate that claim 3 was directed to allowable subject matter.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections to the extent that they are maintained. Nonetheless, Applicant has amended claims 1, 4, 14, 15 and 23 and canceled claims 3 and 19 to amend all of the claims to incorporate the subject matter found to be allowable by the Examiner and otherwise place the case in condition for allowance. Applicant submits that none of these amendments adds new matter, as the subject matter thereof is fully supported in the specification, claims and drawings as filed.

Specifically, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of objected-to claim 3. Claim 3 has accordingly been canceled, and claim 4 has been amended to depend from claim 1. Furthermore, independent claims 14, 15 and 23 have all been amended to incorporate the subject matter found to be allowable in claim 3. All independent claims therefore recite subject matter found to be allowable by the Examiner.

In addition, with respect to the §112 rejection, Applicant has canceled claim 19 without prejudice, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Applicant therefore respectfully submits that all pending claims (claims 1-2, 3-18, and 20-24) recite subject matter that has been found to be allowable by the Examiner, and that all such claims are novel and non-obvious over the prior art of record. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, or which might otherwise

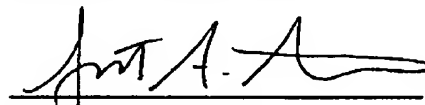
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further this case onto allowance, the Examiner may contact the undersigned at (513) 241-2324. Moreover, if any other charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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